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### **EPIC+ EDUCATION, PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS, AND COMPLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK REDUCTION**

#### A Performance Improvement Project for Biotech and Research Labs in San Diego County

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH), Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) is the local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) and is responsible for implementing the elements of the Unified Program in San Diego County. The Unified Program regulates facilities that handle hazardous materials, hazardous waste, medical waste and/or underground storage tanks.

HMD is now implementing the EPIC+ Program. Facilities participating in this program are eligible for reduced permit fees and decreased inspection frequencies when they meet established compliance goals. Earlier phases of the project included identification of the Top Ten Violations and training workshops to calibrate both, CUPA inspectors and facility operators in how to correct these violations.

The goal of this project is to reduce the most common hazardous waste, medical waste and hazardous materials violations found in the Biotech and Research & Development industry sector. The program is open to facilities primarily engaged in \*biotechnology and laboratory testing in the County of San Diego.

Businesses interested in participating in this program must meet the performance standards outlined below:

1. Have had 2 or fewer Class II or minor violations and no significant violations at their last two inspections.
2. Have at least one business employee attend the EPIC+ workshop or complete online training as available. Employee must attend EPIC+ workshop or complete EPIC+ online training course at least every twelve months.
3. Rate less than 15 points during each the last CUPA routine compliance inspection (see reverse for violation scoring system). Businesses already in the program that score 15 or more points during a compliance inspection will be ineligible to continue in the program.
4. New businesses must have had at least 2 routine compliance inspections to participate. New facilities are eligible after the initial inspection if parent business located in San Diego County achieved performance standards.

Submit the completed application form on the reverse to your HMD Area Specialist for evaluation. Applications will be reviewed within 30 days and a written response will be mailed to all applicants.

Businesses that meet the Program performance standards will receive the following benefits:

1. Decreased inspection frequency. The inspection frequency of 18 months will be changed to 36 months for qualified participants of the Performance Fee Reduction Incentive Program. For businesses that are large quantity generators of medical waste and/or have a regulated underground storage tank onsite an annual inspection is required. For these sites HMD will conduct an abbreviated 12-month inspection covering the medical waste and/or underground storage tank element(s).
2. 25% reduction in the Unified Program Facility Permit base fee, the hazardous waste fees and/or the hazardous materials fees.

**NOTE:** For the purposes of this project, biotechnology facilities include process development, manufacturing and development of analytical laboratory devices and instruments, medical and surgical instruments, medicinal chemicals, botanical products, pharmaceutical preparations, and biological products. Testing laboratories are laboratories where relatively small quantities of hazardous chemicals are handled or used for purposes of research, analysis, clinical testing, or product development, testing, or quality control.



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## EPIC+ PROGRAM Application

APPROVER'S USE ONLY:

UPFP#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
on this date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name, First Name  
Next inspection: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Next LQG MW inspection: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Next UST inspection: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Reviewing SEHS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
New Scope/Project: \_\_\_\_\_

### A. SITE INFORMATION (Print or type information requested below)

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site/Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CA  
Street Number Street Name City State Zip Code  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CA  
(if different than site address) Street Number Street Name City State Zip Code

### B. APPLICANT INFORMATION: Person Submitting the Application (Print or type information requested below)

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name M.I.  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. NAME OF EMPLOYEES THAT ATTENDED WORKSHOP OR COMPLETED ONLINE TRAINING (Print or type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Attended: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Attended: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Attended: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### D. CERTIFICATION:

As the business representative I certify that this business meets and will continue to meet all the Performance Standards outlined on the reverse of this page. I understand that failure to comply with these standards will trigger a return to the 18-month inspection interval and a standard fee schedule.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### SCORING SYSTEM FOR VIOLATIONS FOUND DURING INSPECTIONS

#### Significant Violations (Each violation is worth 15 points):

1. Unified Program Facility permit not obtained
2. Failed to obtain & maintain a valid EPA ID Number
3. Operating Treatment Storage Disposal Facility (TSDF) without authorization
4. Failed to notify the CUPA of onsite hazardous waste treatment
5. Failed to properly separate incompatible wastes
6. Container incompatible with waste
7. Unauthorized disposal of hazardous waste
8. Unlawful transportation of hazardous waste
9. Did not use a hazardous waste manifest for disposal
10. Did not report release or threatened release
11. Enclosure or designated accumulation area for medical waste containers not secured
12. Medical Waste treated by unapproved method or procedure

**Class II or minor violations (Each violation is worth 5 points):** All other violations

#### Incidental Violations

#### (Each violation is worth 2 points)

1. Annual carcinogen / reproductive toxin list not sent to HMD
2. Medical SOLID WASTE not secured to deny access to unauthorized persons
3. Did not have records of automotive battery disposal